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Title: REMOTE PASSWORD RESETTNG)	
INTERFACE (as amended))	
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COMMUNICATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the official Office Action dated March 14, 2006, the applicants in the above-identified patent application wish to make the following remarks.

The claims remaining in this patent application continue to be original Claims 1-6, inclusive. No claims have been cancelled or amended, and no new claims have been presented.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over the publication entitled "ARCHITECTURE FOR PASSWORD RESET QUESTIONS" (hereinafter "IU") in view of the patent to Angelo, et al. (6,581,162). Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over the aforementioned publication (IU) and the patent to Angelo, et al. in further view of the publication by Schneier. Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over the aforementioned publication (IU) and the patent to Angelo, et al. in further

view of the patent to Gong (6,192,476). Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over the aforementioned publication (IU), the patent to Angelo, et al., the patent to Gong, in further view of the aforementioned publication to Schneier. Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over the aforementioned publication (IU), and the patent to Angelo, et al., in further view of the patent to Jacobs, et al. (5,611,048). Each of the aforementioned rejections is respectfully traversed.

More particularly, each of the rejections to Claims 1-6 is based, in part, on the publication entitled "ARCHITECTURE FOR PASSWORD RESET QUESTIONS." This publication has an effective date of May 10, 2001. In this regard, the applicants are submitting a Declaration of Prior Invention pursuant to 37 CFR 1.131 by which to establish that the subject matter recited in Claims 1-6 was conceived and actually reduced to practice prior to the date (i.e., May 10, 2001) of the aforementioned publication (IU). Moreover, it is further submitted that the applicants were diligent in reducing their claimed invention to practice and filing the above-identified application relating thereto.

The enclosed Declaration of Prior Invention is in substitution of an earlier Declaration of Prior Invention submitted on February 23, 2006. Because inventor Timothy A. Perkins is no longer employed by the assignee, this new Declaration has been submitted in 2 parts. It is believed that the original Declaration of Prior Invention and the Exhibits attached thereto established that the claimed invention was conceived and constructively reduced to practice before the effective date of the (IU) publication. Nevertheless, the Examiner suggested that the original Declaration of Prior Invention was ineffective for this purpose. The Examiner also noted that the original Declaration was not signed by all the inventors.

In this regard, the enclosed new Declaration of Prior Invention clearly shows conception and actual reduction to practice prior to the effective date of the (IU) publication. The enclosed new Declaration relies on the same Exhibits that were previously submitted on February 23, 2006 with the original Declaration and, therefore, no new Exhibits have been attached. In particular, and as pointed out at paragraph 6 of the new Declaration, the invention recited in Claims 1-6 hereof was successfully demonstrated on April 10-12, 2001.

Hence, the aforementioned publication (IU) should now be withdrawn as a reference against the claims pending in this application. With this publication withdrawn, it is believed that each of Claims 1-6 pending in this application is distinguishable from the remaining references, whether taken individually or collectively.

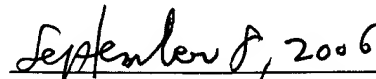
In view of the foregoing, each of Claims 1-6 pending in this application is believed to recite a patentable method. Accordingly, reconsideration of the Examiner's final rejection is requested and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

A request for a three month extension of time is attached whereby to extend the deadline for responding to the outstanding Office Action until September 14, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,



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